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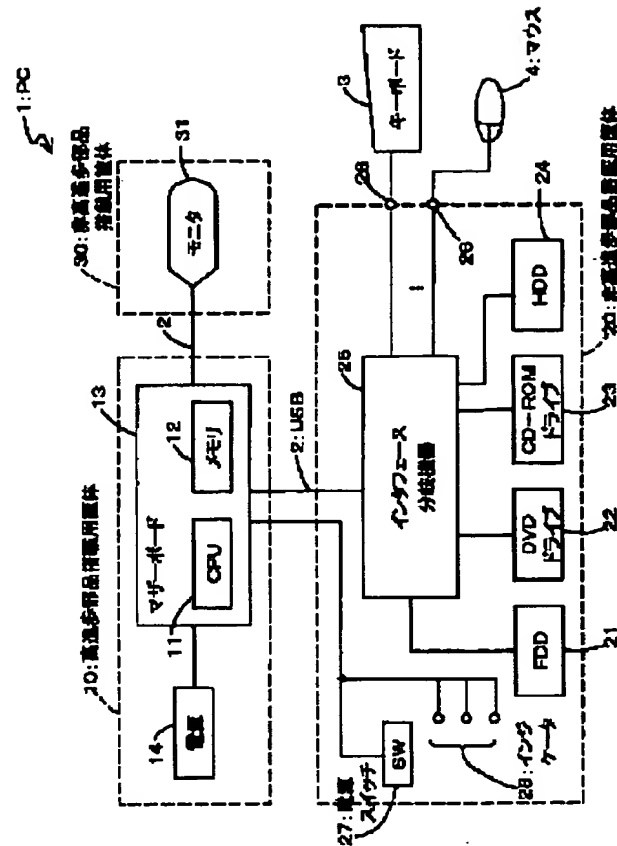
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ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To easily replace components while solving an environment problem by effectively utilizing a device that can still be used.

SOLUTION: A housing 10 for mounting a component whose technological innovation is remarkable such as a CPU 11 is provided separately from housings 20 and 30 for an FDD 21, a CD-ROM drive 23 and a monitor 31 which are components whose technological innovation is relatively unremarkable. The housing 20 is provided with an interface branching device 25 connected by a USB(universal serial bus) 2 to the housing 10, and drives 21 to 24 and an external device such as a keyboard 3 are connected to the branching device 25.

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